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Subject: Views on proposal - Schools

I have just read the basics for the proposed settlement for the DOJ
settlement with Microsoft.

I think that the provision ought to be setup, so that Microsoft only
provides the hardware. Instead of providing software to the poorest
school districts.

This would extend the amount of computer related equipment, that could
be obtained, by the schools.

Also, I have been using open source software and have found it to be a
worthy development. I have found that it provides the tools needed to
allow schools to develop positive educational goals. Without burdening
the school system with extra costs for proprietory software.

I have used a few of the open source distributions. I find them great
products. But I use the Redhat distribution presently.

Since Redhat software has commited itself to providing free software and
also support. Through their Internet accessable network. I think that
the students will be greatly aided by the co-operative effort put out by
both providers.

Thank you,

Jim

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Brontosaurus Principle:
        Organizations can grow faster than their brains can manage them
        in relation to their environment and to their own physiology: when
        this occurs, they are an endangered species.
                -- Thomas K. Connellan